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PSC APPROVES AMENDMENT TO TERRITORIAL AGREEMENT

JEFFERSON CITY--The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved an amendment to an electric territorial agreement filed by The Empire District Electric Company (Empire) and White River Valley Electric Cooperative (White River Valley) which allows Empire to provide service to a new structure (the Belair Theater) in Branson, Missouri. The new structure, which is currently in White River Valley's service territory, adjoins a structure currently served by Empire.

Empire and White River Valley stated in the joint application that it was in the public interest to avoid having two different suppliers providing electric service to adjoining structures. The joint applicants proposed amending the territorial agreement so Empire could serve the new structure. The territorial agreement was originally approved by the Commission in March 1996.

In a memorandum filed on April 7, 2005, the PSC Staff recommended the application be approved saying that it was in the public interest to allow Empire to serve the Belair Theater so as to avoid duplication of facilities.

Having considered the information filed in this case, the Commission determined the request is in the public interest and should be approved.

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